REMARKS

Claims 40-43 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has now rejected Claims 40-43 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,966,671 (*Mitchell*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,529,713 (*Seymour*), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,157,323 (*Tso*).

With regard to the rejection of independent Claim 40, the Examiner asserts that *Mitchell* in view of *Seymour*, further in view of *Tso* teach all the recitations of this claim.

Previously, Claim 40 was amended to recite "wherein the at least one of digits and characters are input by *displaying sets of the at least one of digits and characters*, moving a cursor over at least one of a character and a digit *displayed in the sets of the at least one of digits and characters*, and *selecting the at least one of the character and the digit below the cursor, using the at least one signal of the multi-function key*." It appears that the Examiner is now citing *Tso* as teaching this recitation. However, neither *Tso, Mitchell,* nor *Seymour* teaches *displaying sets of the at least one of digits and characters*, as recited in Claim 40. Accordingly, none of these references teach moving a cursor over at least one of a character and a digit displayed in the **sets** of the at least one of digits and characters, and selecting the at least one of the character and the digit below the cursor, using the at least one signal of the multi-function key. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's new rejection including *Tso* is incorrect.
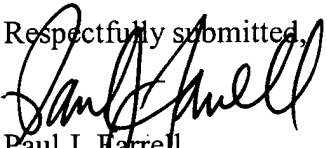
Claims 40-43 are patentably distinct from *Mitchell* in view of *Seymour*, and further in view of *Tso*, as none of these references teaches at least one of digits and characters are input by displaying *sets* of the at least one of digits and characters, moving a cursor over at least one of a character and a digit *displayed in the sets* of the at least one of digits and characters, and selecting the at least one of the character and the digit below the cursor, using the at least one signal of the multi-function key.

Referring to FIG. 9 and column 14, line 61, column 15, line 29 and FIG. 16 and column 20, lines 17-26 in *Tso*, *Tso* discloses having five multiple input keys, and the corresponding letters are assigned in the each multiple input key. *Tso* discloses, when the corresponding multiple input key among five multiple input keys is inputted, displaying the letters assigned to the inputted multiple input key and highlighting in the first letter among the displayed letters. *Tso* also discloses selecting the letter after moving a cursor and highlighting the corresponding letter among the displayed letters.

As described above, *Tso* provides a key input method using at least two multiple input keys. It does not disclose using at least one signal generated by inputting/sliding one multiple function key, displaying at least one predetermined digit/character and, moving a cursor on at least one digit/character among the displayed digits/characters and input at least one digit/character by selecting said at least one digit/character on which the cursor is positioned, as in the present invention.

Without conceding patentability per se of dependent Claims 41-43, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 41-43 are believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on Claim 40.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 40-43, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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